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Decorations, Awards, and Honors

ARMOR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Summary. This regulation provides guidance on administration of the Draper Armor Leadership Fund and accountability for the symbol of the Draper Armor Leadership Award, "The Goodrich Riding Trophy."

Applicability. This regulation applies to armor/cavalry units in the Active Army, Army National Guard, and US Army Reserve.

Proponent. The proponent of this regulation is the Office of the Chief of Armor (OCA). Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) through channels to Commander, US Army Armor Center and Fort Knox (USAARMC) (ATZK-AR), Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121-5720.

1. Purpose. This regulation assigns responsibility and prescribes procedures for the Draper Armor Leadership Award.

2. Scope. The Armor Branch utilizes the Draper Armor Leadership Award to promote, sustain, and recognize effective leadership in armor/cavalry units. An Indentured Trust finances the Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund.

3. Reference. AR 215-1, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 15 Sep 05.

4. Responsibilities. The Commanding General (CG), USAARMC, administers the Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund under the terms of the Indentured Trust. The CG administers the fund as a Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentality per AR 215-1.

a. The OCA maintains property associated with the Draper Armor Leadership Award, maintains the Draper Fund, and provides the CG with an annual status of the Draper Fund. OCA operates the Draper Armor Leadership Program in accordance with the intent of the Indentured Trust.

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b. The commander of each armored/infantry division and armored cavalry regiment of the Active Army selects the most outstanding armor/cavalry company/troop within his command annually (per paragraph 5 below).

c. The commander of each armored/infantry division, cavalry regiment, and separate armored brigade of the US Army Reserve and Army National Guard selects the most outstanding armor/cavalry company/troop within his command annually (per paragraph 5 below).

d. The Commander, USAARMC, establishes criteria for the awarding of individual awards as outlined in the Draper Armor Leadership Award standing operating procedure (SOP).

5. Eligibility.

a. Companies/troops of armor and cavalry are the only types of units eligible for the award. Air cavalry, attack helicopter, mechanized infantry, combat support, and combat service support units are not eligible. Unit commanders must submit requests for eligibility requirement waivers to the Draper Custodian for research. The Draper Custodian will then forward the request to the Chief of Armor for decision.

b. The Draper Armor Leadership Award SOP outlines individual awards eligibility.

c. Only armor branch officers and CMF 19 enlisted Soldiers are eligible to receive the Draper Armor Leadership Award.

6. Selection Procedures.

a. Commanders will base selections for unit awards on the overall performance of the organization throughout the evaluation period that will preclude the need for additional records and/or additional tactical exercises. Commanders may wish to consider the factors listed below when evaluating units and may assign suitable weights to these factors; they may exclude those that do not apply and add others that do.

(1) Unit records and reports, major accomplishments, and performance as observed by the commander and staff.

(2) Other records and reports applicable to the type of unit. Some examples are evaluation of Army Training and Evaluation Programs, weapons firing/qualification (personal and crew), annual active duty for training and drill attendance, related records, reports, and test/evaluation results.

(3) The unit's major accomplishments reported by the commander during the calendar year.

(4) Recommendations of the commander's staff and senior unit advisor. The staff may base their recommendation on observation of the unit's military courtesy and discipline, unit

esprit, condition of barracks, dayroom and dining facility, supply and personnel economy, energy conservation, equal opportunity program, unit maintenance program, and community relations.

b. The Draper Armor Leadership Award SOP outlines selection criteria for individual awards.

7. Draper Award Categories.

a. Unit award. The evaluation period is 1 July to 30 June, and recommendations must be submitted no later than 15 August. The recommending unit will submit the following information:

(1) Name(s) of the officer(s) who commanded the unit with the dates of command.

(2) Name(s) of the unit's first sergeant(s) with the dates they were in position.

(3) Unit designation.

(4) Submit recommendations to the following address:

Office of the Chief of Armor
(ATZK-AR/Draper Custodian)
Bldg 1109-D
193 6th Avenue, Suite 101
Fort Knox, KY 40121-5720

b. Individual Awards. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund provides individual awards to selected individuals of the US Army Armor School as outlined in the Draper Armor Leadership SOP. These awards are based on demonstrated professional expertise and **leadership** during the evaluation period. Only armor branch officers or CMF 19 enlisted Soldiers of the US Army are eligible for this award. Other branches of service are not eligible.

c. Commander Awards. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund provides a Commander's Award to armor branch officers and command sergeants major upon selection to command positions within armor or cavalry battalions, squadrons, brigades, or regiments.

d. Other awards. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund may grant additional awards not covered in this regulation provided they fall within the intent of the Draper Trust and are approved by the Draper Council.

8. Accountability.

a. The Goodrich Riding Trophy remains the property of the Draper Armor Leadership Fund for the duration of the fund's existence. The Draper Council entrusts the Goodrich Riding Trophy to the care of the receiving unit until the unit is reflagged, inactivated, or has no unit

eligible to compete in the award program. Should a unit fit one of these categories, the unit must return the Goodrich Riding Trophy to the Draper Custodian at the address shown in paragraph 9 below.

b. The Draper Armor Leadership Trust Fund will fund all costs associated with shipping, transport, or repair of the Goodrich Riding Trophy.

c. Units will submit an annual written accountability report to the Draper Custodian with the following information:

- (1) Physical location of the Goodrich Riding Trophy.
- (2) Serial number located on the data plate and wooden display base.
- (3) Unit address (to include street and building).
- (4) Unit telephone number (DSN and commercial).
- (5) Point of contact to include e-mail address.

9. Administrative Procedures. Unit commanders will submit requests for awards, correspondence, or inquiries to:

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(ATZK-AR/Draper Custodian)
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The Draper Custodian can also be reached by telephone at DSN 464-3607/5155 or commercial (502) 624-3607/5155; FAX number DSN 464-7585 or commercial (502) 624-7585.

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